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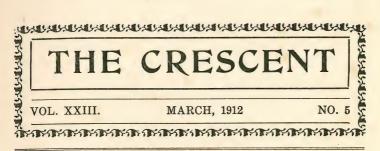
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The alluring west has been man's Mecca. It has ever stood for freedom and opportunity. America, the last continent to be reached by this Westward march of humanity, is heir of all the past, and should reach and maintain the highest civilization ever known, and be henceforth a light to all the nations.

Civilization has followed the moving tides of humanity Westward. Nations have risen, prospered and fallen, conquered by vice and corruption from within. Greece, the conqueror of the East, died like Alexander, her great leader, of sensuousness and gluttony. Rome arose, with her mighty army conquered the world, but fell, a victim to her own uncontrolled vices. Loss of character was but the harbinger of her downfall.

Our fathers were a humble people and lived under oppression where even religious liberty was denied. But oh! their eyes greeted the West. They saw the bright star of opportunity, and here they found freedom and happiness. Later they threw off the yoke of England, to become a free nation of character and power.

Yet could our fathers have foreseen the future, with what amazement would they have observed how little we value our rich heritage! Like the Pharisees of old, we thank God we are not as other men. We pride ourselves on being a Christian nation, yet we bear not the burden of the oppressed, nor hear the groams of the laboring masses, the woman and children toiling in the sweat-shops of our great cities, and if perchance our eyes do rest upon the loathsome sight, we wrap our righteous robes about us and pass by on the other side.

We are fast running to luxury. Simple pleasures no longer satisfy. As night returns, throngs crowd the theatres and cheap playhouses. No longer the fire burns brightly on the home hearth. No longer at evening friends gather around it to discuss civic and religious questions. "Plain living and high thinking" have

given way to high living and crude thinking.

We are as a nation bound by commercialism, slaves to the love of money, the child of luxury. The desire for luxurious living has fostered the ambition to heap up wealth. As a result we have great capitalists who not only control industry but who rule with iron sway the very men who make their wealth possible.

We often think of Andrew Carnegie as a great philanthropist, a giver of libraries, a promoter of peace. But in his steel mills labor is crushed down by toil day and night. By slight rewards the men are urged and speeded to the utmost limit. Then this forced result, or efficiency, becomes the standard for all. Since the Homestead strike of 1892, there has been no relief from oppression. Every man loses his job who dares to at-

tend any meeting in the interests of labor, or say aught

against the extortions of capital. This oppression cuts him to the smallest wage, taking away his social life, sapping his vitality and compelling him to reach out and destroy his own children by subjecting them to the hardest, severest labor when they are least prepared for it.

Why do men endure all this? Simply because they are forced to it for bread. They can no longer go West to unoccupied and fertile lands. Under these conditions, "Carnegie libraries are a cruel joke."

Why should Carnegie give \$10,000,000 for the prevention of warfare and do nothing to stop the oppression in his own mills which can but arouse hatred that in the end will result in violence or open war? O, men of the North, who gave so much dear to us that the black slave of the South might go free, how long must these industrial slaves within our own gates perish in despair?

With the greed for gain and the resultant industrial oppression is united the political corruption that is all too prevalent in America. There was a time when the people ruled. But now the Dollar has become our task-master in politics. "The price tag is everywhere and on everything." Do the people rule when such men as Stevenson and Lorimer are in the senate? Stevenson admits that his campaign expenses were \$111,000. It was not patriotism that caused him to invest this money in politics. His campaign manager stated "there was no vote buying. We merely spent the money, and depended on the voters' sense of courtesy for an adequate return." Evidently the voters had that courtesy.

In Adams County, Ohio, it has been proved that in the election of 1910, 2000 out of 6000 voters sold their votes. In Illinois, a like condition has been revealed. And from many other places come reports of political lawlessness that cannot be denied.

Of this disregard for law in political life, mob rule and violence are the natural outcome. Recount the lynchings and riots of recent years. Yet still another must be added to the list. At Newark, Ohio, Carl Etherington was lynched, not for any wrong he did but because he with other deputized officers, tried to enforce the law against the violations of the saloon. True, in self defence, Etherington had mortally wounded an unlawful liquor dealer, but is that a reason why the mob should take him from the jail, barbarously torture him and finally hang him to a telegraph pole in a street of the city? During these riots, where were the regular officers of the law? Indeed, where were they?

We usually think of a mob as composed of ignorant people who do not understand that laws exist for their protection. What shall we say then, when those in high places stand for mob rule? In South Carolina a negro was lynched by a mob, and Governor Blease was criticised because he did not call out the militia to restore order and give protection. In a public speech in reply, he made the following statement: "Rather than call out the militia to protect a brute nigger from lynching. I would have resigned my position and led the mob myself." Indeed the mob was led by a member of South Carolina's legislature. When men in power hold such opinions, who can say to what limit lawlessness will extend? When mob rule comes in at one door. liberty passes out at the other. To preserve liberty. such men and such opinions must have no place in public life.

Civilization with its attendant blessings has passed from nation to nation, going West and West, once circling the globe. America, the last to enjoy its blessing, has stood as a nation but a brief time. Shall we go down as nations before us, conquered by vice and corruption? Or shall civilization leap across the sea and continue its ever Westward course?

The awakening beyond the Pacific is marvelous and indicative of what might be in the near future. We have thought little of China, but already she is a rebuke to us. Having indifferently slept for ages past, she is now awakening and moving like a mighty giant.

We who in a century have not been able to blot out the liquor traffic, derisively smiled when China said, "In ten years we will drive opium from our borders." Only half of the time is gone, but the task is far more than half accomplished. Ninety-five per cent of her opium using officials have discarded the drug. England -shame on our Mother land-has had to cut down largely her exportation of opium to China. But not alone is China to be censured for the use of opium. Last year, we consumed 500,000 pounds of opium, more per capita than used by the Chinese. Education is making rapid strides in the ancient kingdom. Girls, if they do not bind their feet, are admitted to the schools. Gambling has become a disgrace. A mighty army is drilling for action. If China, united and Westernized, should hurl forth her millions for conquest, other nations might well tremble for the far reaching results.

If America would remain a strong nation, safe from possible enemies without and more deadly enemies within, she must return to her first ideals. Right living must take the place of high living. Love for fellowman must supersede love for the dollar. Industrial justice must be obtained at whatever cost to fortunes unjustly accumulated. The law and the interests of the commonwealth must be upheld. If we are true to

ourselves and beat back the rising tide of lust, luxury and avarice, America will remain immovable through all the ages. Rise then, countrymen! rise students of America! Doff the robe of indolence and ease! Don the armor of intelligence and worth and enthusiasm, to take some noble part in the achievement of America's destiny, in the service of the world.

Idylls of the Ring.

In a marvelously complex age, and amid a hundred great men, Tennyson was regarded as a leader. His poetry is of that kind which one never tires of reading. Tennyson is not only the great artist in poetry but the great teacher. For a full half century he was the voice of England; loved and honored as a man and as a poet.

It has been said that only youth can appreciate him, and youth, unfortunately, except in a few rare cases, is something which does not dwell with us long after our

school days.

It is not possible that any of us have completed our English without having read Tennyson's "Idylls of the

King."

In these Idylls we have the greatest narrative poem since Milton's "Paradise Lost." The poems were perhaps with Tennyson a slow, almost unconscious growth, extending over a period of twenty years. Into this great work Tennyson put all the strength and enthusiasm of his prime and upon its beautiful form he bestowed the perfect art of his maturity.

Tennyson drew his material for the poem from Malory's "Morte d'Arthur," but even back of this lies a mass of local tradition. The general metrical type of the Idylls is the iamlic, varied to suit the purpose of the

lines by troches, anapests and occasional dactyls. The poem has been so perfectly written in form and language, that Ruskin once wrote a letter to Tennyson in which he remarked that he wished the art of Tennyson's Idylls had been less flawless.

Though the Idylls appeared separately, we find in them a single underlying motive which binds them together in Epic Unity. There is one central point, that of the Holy Grail, and though there are pauses of action, it sweeps onward through the various Idylls to one inevitable end.

These Idylls are the Epic of Chivalry, but not the chivalry of Arthur's time; it is interpreted by the ideal of the ninteenth century. The whole symbolism of the poem is indicated by Tennyson himself when he says, "Accept this old, imperfect tale; new, old, and shadowing sense at war with Soul."

The theme of these poems is the orderly development of law in the natural and spiritual world. The warring of Sense with Soul furnishes the conflict in each one; and supplies the motive of the whole series in Arthur's high resolve and the vow of the knights to "Live pure, speak truth, right the wrong and follow the king."

In the war with Sense trying to gain ascendency over Soul, we see the far reaching results of evil lives and secret sin spreading poison through the whole court, but when Soul conquers Sense, there are the powerful results of good; the power to lift others from the lower life. A splendid illustration of the strife between Sense and Soul may be found in the Idyll, "Balin and Balam."

Each one of these poems forms a link in the great chain, and from each comes a theme which corresponds to the theme of the poem in general. Thus in "Merlin and Vivian," Sense becomes victor over Intellect. In "Launcelot and Elaine" there is the strife between pure love and guilty passion. As we read the "Holy Grail," we see developed the contest between Superstition, which is sensual religion, and true faith, which is spiritual. In the final conflict of Guinevere, pardon

follows true repentance and faith triumps.

There may be those who would judge Guinevere too severely, and think her most unwomanly, but when we see her humbled before her lord at the last, she reveals noble traits of character. She gives the old, old cry of youth seeking satisfaction in pleasuses and false ideals and realizing when too late the emptiness of it all in these words, "I thot I could not breathe in that fine air—that pure severity of perfect light,—I wanted warmth and color which I found in Launcelot." Launcelot loved Guinevere, and took away her love from the king. "There is a certain inevitableness in this love for which Tennyson allows, yet he condemns it." Sin is sin, and "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap' is true in the noblest characters as in the most base.

Guinevere and Launcelot are the flesh, while Arthur is conscience. His life is portrayed to us throughout the entire poem. He represents a pure, brave soul who fights in one sense vainly, but in another successfully against the eyil forces in the world and those around him. Tennyson meant to show that the soul of man is free to choose between the good and evil, and the issues of life depend upon this choice. "Arthur is shown as the ideal of the highest manhood, rising, moving onward, and at last passing out of sight like a radiant star which accomplishes its course in light and beauty." He is intended to be a man in whom the spirit has already

conquered and he works for the uplifting and purification of humanity. It is a contest between the evil and

the good.

Some of the beauties of the Idylls are Tennyson's exquisite pictures of Nature, and we find those taken from the sea particularly strong. Tennyson loved the sea and his poems abound in marvelous passages describing or painting rare and beautiful word pictures.

Tennyson wished also to embody his own theory of human life. His characters become living characters; we see the high ideals of those in the poem; we can almost feel their sorrows and their joys. There is a lesson to be found in all the prominent characters of the Idylls.

These poems combine in a rare way two qualities delicacy and grandeur. There is power of observing the most minute details and painting them with absolute truth of touch, and the power of clothing large thoughts with simple, vigorous, sweeping words. The parting of Guinevere and Arthur is a fitting example of the grandeur of the poem-"No sensationalism; only absolute simplicity of language."

He also meant for humanity to accept teachings from the Idylls, and many beautiful lessons are given us.

He teaches that sin is the cause of all disorder and misery, and until it is driven out a perfect society cannot be securely established. Morality underlines the whole poem-life must be in comformity to righteousness, and righteousness in conformity to law. Love is a strong motive in the poem, but Tennyson teaches that even love must be true to its vows; not even the strongest and most beautiful soul may follow the guidance of passion without restraint. The greater the genius, beauty and power of those who transgress, the more fatal will be the influence of their sin upon other lives.

The last message which is given us from these noble

poems, and which sums up all the others, is that the soul of man has power to resist and conquer sin within its own domain; to triumph over Sense by steadfast loyalty to the higher nature, and thus to achieve peace and final glory. "Man is man, and master of his fate." Vera F. Seely.

Oratorical.

On March 8, the annual contest of the Intercollegiate Oratorical Association of Oregon was held at Forest Grove. Pacific College was represented by Miss Lucile Davis who delivered her oration, "The Mission of America," in a very creditable manner. A delegation of eighteen attended the contest from Pacific and all were well pleased with the contest. Although we did not win we made a creditable showing and one that compared favorably with the showing of the other institutions represented. The contest next year will be held in Newberg and Olin C. Hadley of Pacific has been elected president of the association for next year.

On March 15, at the Empire theatre in McMinnville, occurred the tenth annual oratorical contest of the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association of Oregon. Five institutions were represented as follows: W. H. Wilson, Pacific College, "The Saloon in Society;" C. A. Arpke, Philomath, "A Challenge to Faith;" H. G McCain, Willamette University, "Liquor vs Liberty;" Lester Barnhart, Dallas, "Caesar's Portion;" John F. Mason, McMinnville, "Prohibition and Progress." From the moment Mr. Wilson stepped to the platform till the decision of the judges, there was close attention for the contest and program was of an exceptionally high order. First honors were carried away by McCain of Willam-

ette who will represent his university in the Inter-state contest to be held in May at Salem. A Pacific crowd of thirteen loyalists braved the stormy blasts and drove over to the contest to root for Wilson. Though our contestant did not win, we are glad to say that he delivered his oration in a manner reflecting credit on Pacific.

Debate.

In the debate with McMinnville, last Saturday evening, March 30, Pacific won a decided victory over their old rival, the decision of the judges being unanimous in favor of P. C. The home team excelled in knowledge of the question as well as in delivery. Pacific was represented by Walter H. Wilson, Ray Langworthy and Meade Elliott and each acquited himself in a very creditable manner. Our next debate is with Albany College, April 26.

P. M. C. A. Rotes.

The officers conference of the Y. M. C. A. student organizations was held at Pacific College March 15-17. We feel that is was a very helpful and successful conference. The conference was for the officers only, of the various college associations. The total registration was thirty-five, twenty-eight of them college men, three faculty men, and four leaders. From Albany College there were two; from Chemawa two; from Dallas College two; from Eugene Bible University one; from Pacific College seven students and one faculty; from Pacific University three students and one faculty; from O. A. C. two; from McMinnville four students and one faculty; from U. of O. three; from W. U. two; from Port-

land Y. M. C. A. two; and the state secretary.

This was a method conference primarily, and intended to get the new officers ready for their work.

We trust that the Y. M. C. A. work here at Pacific will be much more efficient next year, on account of more experience and the help that the officers conference was able to give to so many men of our association. The delegates were very kindly entertained by local families for which we are thankful. On Saturday evening the local association served a supper for the delegates in the basement of the Friends church. The Ladies Auxiliary prepared the supper. On Sunday morning the delegates told of the student Christian association work from the various pulpits in the city.

P. W. C. A. Notes.

At the last Y. W. C. A. business meeting held March 18, the officers for the coming year were installed as follows: President, Nell Reuter; Vice president, Elma Paulsen; Secretary, Ruth Crozer; Treasurer, Daisy Newhouse. The new committees have also been chosen and are planning for better work than ever before.

Rev. Keim, pastor of the Brethern church, addressed the Y. W. C. A. at its regular meeting, March 27. His talk on "The Most Important Event of Your Life," which dealt with the subject of marriage, placed before the girls high ideals of purity and simplicity, which will be to them a lasting influence for good.

The Y. W. C. A. conference of officers and committee workers was held at Pacific University, Forest Grove, from March 29 to 31. This Conference District is composed of the associations in the High Schools and Colleges of McMinnville, Dallas, Newberg and Forest

Grove. Maud Haworth, Daisy Newhouse, Nell Reuter and Miss Beck represented Pacific College and Flo Langworthy the High School from Newberg. The program was a very strong one with able speakers. Miss Cutler, the General Secretary from New York, and Miss Fox, the Student Secretary of this territory, were the principal leaders of the conference. The girls know Miss Fox, and her charming personality had much to do with the success of the meetings. Miss Cutler's Bible Hours were unusually interesting and inspiring. The girls felt it a great privilege to be in attendance at the various sessions of the conference.

Athletics.

BASKET BALL

The basket ball season closed with the McMinnville game which P. C. won in good style. The game was fast and furious from the start, each team seeming determined to win, but the pace proved too fast for "Mac" and in the second half Pacific literally ran off and left them. At the end of the first half the score stood eleven to twelve in favor of P. C. but in the second half Mac succeeded in making only three points while P. C. piled up sixteen more, making the final score 28 to 14.

All the Pacific players got into the game admirably and with the exception of some unnecessary roughness on the part of one or two the game was an excellent exhibition of basket ball. Smith did stellar work for P. C. in his usual position at forward and covered the floor with a speed that took everything with him. The work of Williams at guard is also worthy of special mention, as he held McKee, who is reputed to be one of the best forwards in the league, to one basket in each half. Haworth played a clean game and guarded his

man well. Lewis and Parker also played hard and fast,

both doing excellent work.

Pacific had a good team this year and with a little coaching would have ranked high. As it was she tied for third place with Mac and P. U. and was the only team in the league to defeat the Indians. Chemawa easily won the pennant with Philomath second.

We will lose two of our best players this year by the graduation of Smith and Lewis but there is some good material in sight for next year. Parker, Haworth and Williams will be back and with the material developed on the second squad this year the basket ball prospects

are good for next year.

BASE BALL

Base ball is now in order and with the first game at McMinnville April 6 the season will be in full swing. The new suits have arrived and they are neat and handsome. A large number of candidates for the team are out each evening and competion is strong. There are some good and experienced men but quite a number are new men, making it hard to choose a team so early in the season. Chris Smith and Everett George seem to be the most prominent candidates for the twirling position, while Smith, Craven and Melvin Elliott seem to be the most capable of wearing the mask.

Student Body Election.

Tuesday, April 2, occured the annual election of officers of the Student Body and members of the Crescent staff. Those elected to positions in the Student Body were—Ray Langworthy, President; Walter H. Wilson, Vice president; Nell Reuter, Secretary; and Ellis Pickett, Treasurer.

Those selected for the Crescent staff were—Olin C. Hadley, Editor-in-Chief; Arthur B. George, Associate Editor; Russel Parker, Business Manager; and Harry

Haworth, Asst. Business Manager.

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The college year is fast drawing to a close and for those who are nearing the completion of their college course this end has a peculiar meaning. The conferring of a college degree usually carries with it the presumption of success but in spite of all the outward seeming of success the student may be conscious of a dismal failure. In many cases this failure will be apparent to all, but often only the student himself can know wherein he has failed. He alone may know whether or not he has done his best. He alone may know how utterly he has failed. However this failure is not ultimate. No one has failed while life continues and even at death no mere mortal may presume to judge of success or failure, so complex a thing is destiny. Even in a temporal sense there is no failure but in the heart itself. Even to him who falls, if he will but rise and strive

again and will not brook defeat there is no failure, even in death. And when the inevitable hour does come and man, stripped for a moment of his worldly pride and the hollow shams that mock his end, must face the past and be his own judge, then if these nominal failures have taught him so to live that he may view the past without regret, perhaps his college career will not have been a failure even in a worldly sense.

Locals.

Pres. Pennington has decided that a course in campustry will not be given this Spring term, despite the fact that it is one of the regular studies at Earlham.

The public recital of the music students was given March 21. All did their part well, reflecting much credit on the instructors, Alexander and Mrs. Hull. A special feature was a string sextette. The combined Ladies and Orpheus Glee Clubs assisted with two numbers, "Memorial Day March" and "Soldiers' Chorus."

Prof. Johnson went into his "attic" one morning in chapel and came out with the settled conviction that, "after due consideration all men are liars." He pointed out that the tendency to pretend to be something that we are not, is really lying and is something we are all addicted to.

Harry S. Worner, General Secretary of the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association led chapel on March 14. He met the officers of the local Prohibition League later in the day, instructing them in the most efficient methods of work and also helped organize a class for the study of the liquor problem.

Rev. H. H. Keim led Y. M. C. A. on March 6.

Rev. Norwood of the Baptist church led chapel on March 15.

Miss Beck in chapel—"I will read some poems that I have copied for my own pleasure."—"Here is one that sounds kind of heathenish."

The work on the front lawn of the campus is being rapidly pushed. We hope soon to have a campus which is in keeping with the rest of the equipment of the college.

A Tennis Association has been organized and the following officers elected: Gladys Hannon, President; Elma Paulsen, Secretary; Lucille Davis, Treasurer. Harry Haworth, Olin Hadley and Florence Rees were elected captains of the courts.

Vic Rees (discussing President's chapel talk)—Prexy didn't get that exactly right about my calling at the dorm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Newby-He sure didn't; he left out Monday night.

The books, "Social Welfare and the Liquor Traffic," for the Prohibition Study class have come and work will begin at once. Rev. Whitely will have charge of the class in which fourteen are enrolled.

Miss Reuter and Miss Seeley are still wondering what was the matter with that apple pie.

The birds in the vicinity of the college are threatened with nervous prostration, caused by too frequent posing for ornithological students armed with observation glasses.

The Academy and College played a fiercely contested baseball game Tuesday, the 27th. It resulted in a tie 4 to 4. Prospects are good for a fast team when P. C. meets Mac April 6. The new suits have arrived.

A Freshman social was held at the home of Miss Dorothy Newell March 23. The evening was spent in playing games, etc., but the climax of the evening was reached in a vocal duet, "There's Music in the Air," by Ellis Pickett and Arthur Benson. Miss Sutton was the chaperon.

We are glad to welcome Miss Dorothy Newell back in school this term. She was unable to be in school last term on account of ill health.

Rev. Lyons led Y. M. C. A., March 13. He presented in a very interesting and helpful way the topic of "Foreign Missions" and the opportunities open to the college man in this field.

On the evening of March 8, a mock oratorical contest was held in the auditorium by those who did not attend the contest at Forest Grove. Orations were delivered from "One Hundred Choice Selections," and Richard Williams, representing P. C., won the Billican medal which he chose in preference to the sum of ten cents. A banquet with toasts, etc., followed and later the returns from the state contest were received.

Exchanges.

"Whims." Seattle, Wash.—Your "Art and Literary" number is exceptionally good. There is not a poor department in it.

"Mirror," Wilbur, Wash—We are glad to see a growth in the size of your paper. It is a great improvment.

"Prospector," Wardner, Idaho.—Your February number is much better than your preceding numbers, especially in outward appearance.

We welcome the "Spinner," Memphis, Tenn., once more. We had not received it since October. It is a very interesting paper.

'Philomath College Chimes.''—Your literary department is good but the standards of some of the other departments might be raised.

We are always glad to receive the "Weekly Index" of Pacific University.

She: "By the way, are you going to take supper anywhere tomorrow evening?"

He (eagerly): "Why, no, not that I know of."

She: "My, won't you be hungry the next morning?"

Mamma, may I get on the donkey's back?

No, dear, but if you're good you may get on your papa's back, and that's just the same.

Pat—"Was your house damaged by the cyclone?"

Mike—"Dunno; I hain't found it yet."

Teacher: "You are always behind with your studies."

Pupil: "If I wasn't I couldn't pursue them."

Mrs. Jones—"Mrs. Smith, we shall be neighbors. I've bought a house near you with a water frontage."

Mrs. Smith—"So glad! Hope you will drop in sometime."

"Tommy, do you take after your father much?"

"No, ma'am, but gee, you ought to see the way ma does sometimes."



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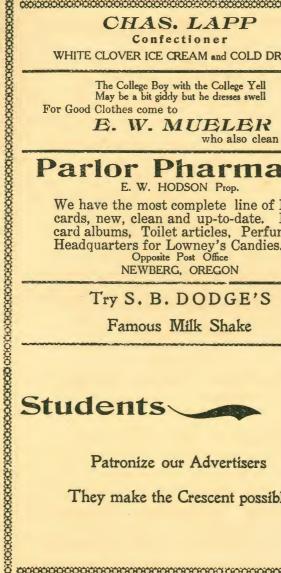
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